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LONG HUTS  
KA VA AREA, LAOS  
1616N 10703E

Declass Review by NIMA/DOD

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1. [REDACTED] REVEALS TWO AREAS IN THE KA VA AREA WHICH CONTAIN LONG HUTS (LONG HOUSES) AND POSSIBLE ANTI-HELICOPTER STAKES.

2. AREA CONTAINING THREE LONG HOUSES (ONE OF WHICH IS 120 FEET IN LENGTH) IS LOCATED 0.9 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF KA VA. FOUR LONG HOUSES WERE OBSERVED AT THIS LOCATION ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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3. AREA SHOWN IN INSERT IS LOCATED 2.5 NM TO THE NORTHWEST AND CONTAINS FOUR LONG HOUSES (ONE OF WHICH IS 145 FEET IN LENGTH) AND FOUR POSSIBLE ANTI-HELICOPTER STAKES. RETHATCHING OF ROOF IS APPARENT ON ONE LONG HOUSE. THESE SAME LONG HOUSES WERE ALSO OBSERVED ON [REDACTED]

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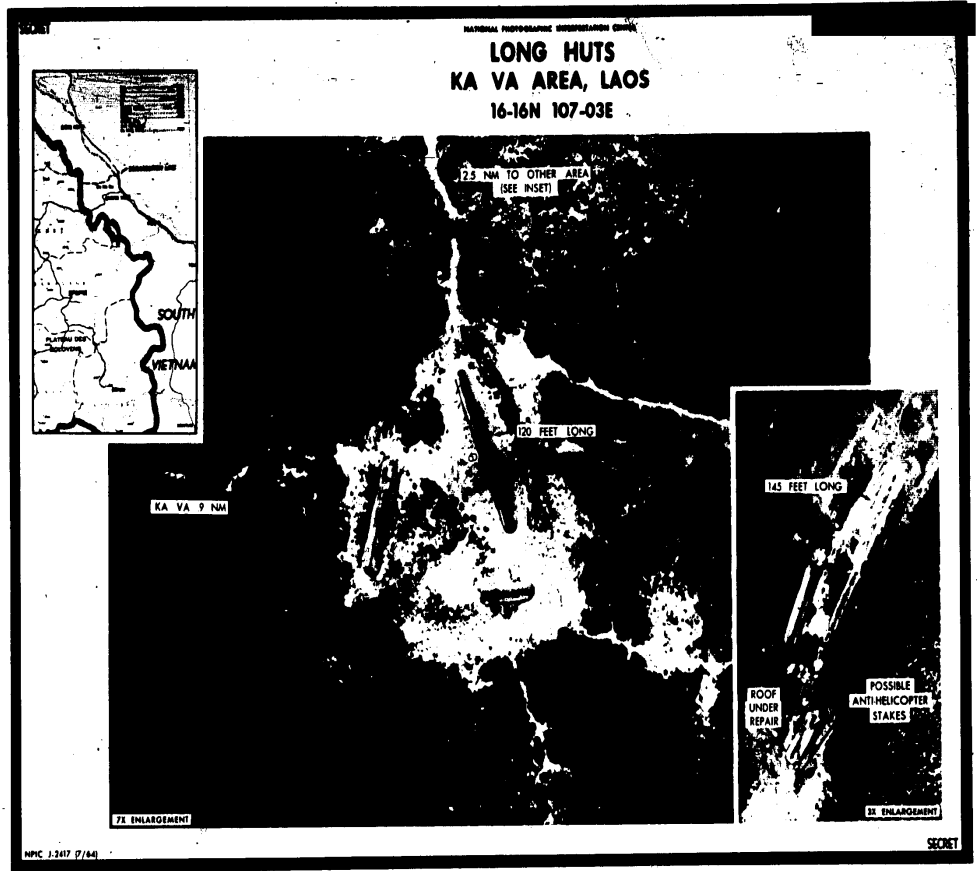
[REDACTED] HOWEVER THE QUALITY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDED INTERPRETATION OF THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF ANTI-HELICOPTER STAKES.

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4. A SEARCH OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY COVERING SOUTHEAST LAOS WAS CONDUCTED IN [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND STUDY SUCH LONG HOUSES OR WAREHOUSES AS SHOWN ON GRAPHIC. THIS STUDY REVEALED THAT ALTHOUGH THE HOUSES VARY GREATLY IN LENGTH, THEY ALL APPEAR TO BE CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO THE SAME GENERAL PLAN -- AN ELONGATED NARROW STRUCTURE WITH A HATCHED ROOF. ALTHOUGH THESE HOUSES VARY IN LENGTH FROM 15 FEET TO APPROXIMATELY 160 FEET, THERE ARE SO MANY OF EACH OF THE VARIOUS SIZES AS TO MAKE NO ONE LONG HOUSE EXCEPTIONAL OR UNUSUAL. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THESE BUILDINGS ARE EVIDENTLY USED BY THE LAOTIANS FOR CROP STORAGE AND/OR COMMUNAL FAMILY LIVING.

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